

# **SC Annual School Report Card Summary**

Calhoun Falls Charter School **SC Public Charter** 

Grades: 6-12 **Enrollment: 186** 

Principal: Deirdre McCullough

Superintendent: Wayne Brazell, Ph. D.

**Board Chair: Don McLaurin** 

## PERFORMANCE

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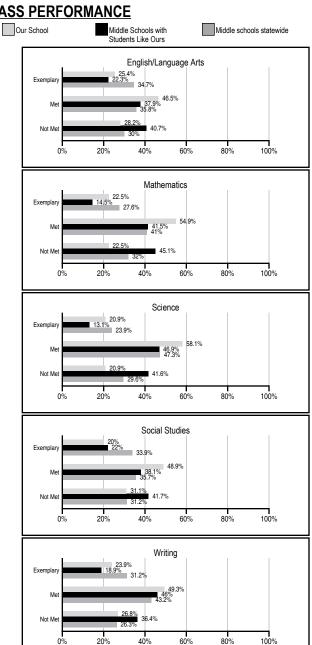
| YEAR | ABSOLUTE RATING | GROWTH RATING | PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD |                 | ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM |                          |
|------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|---|--------------------------|
|      |                 |               | General Performance            | Closing the Gap | ESEA Grade                                | Accountability Indicator |
| 2013 | Average         | Average       | TBD                            | TBD             | Α   | Reward                   |
| 2012 | Average         | Excellent     | Gold                           | N/A             | Α   | N/A                      |
| 2011 | Below Average   | Below Average | N/A                            | N/A             | Not Met                                   | CSI                      |

## **ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\***

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 0         | 1    | 40      | 18            | 7       |

<sup>\*</sup>Ratings are calculated with data available by 01/15/2014. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

## **PASS PERFORMANCE**



## **NAEP PERFORMANCE\***

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Parcentages at NAEP Achievement Levels

| READING – GRADE 8 (2011)  |                          |          |    |            |  |  |
|---|--------------------------|----------|----|------------|--|--|
| South Carolina  | 28                       | 45       | 25 | 2          |  |  |
| Nation  | 25                       | 43       | 29 | 3          |  |  |
| % Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced  Below Basic Proficient Advanced    |                          |          |    |            |  |  |
| MATH – GRADE 8 (2011)   |                          |          |    |            |  |  |
| South Carolina  | 30                       | 38       | 25 | 7          |  |  |
| Nation  | 28                       | 39       | 26 | 8          |  |  |
| % Below Basic  % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced  Below Basic  Proficient  Advanced |                          |          |    |            |  |  |
|   | SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2011) |          |    |            |  |  |
|   | 8 (2011)                 | i        |    |            |  |  |
|   | 8 (2011)<br>39           | 32       | 27 | ] 1        |  |  |
| SCIENCE - GRADE   |                          | 32<br>32 | 27 | ] 1<br>] 2 |  |  |

| END OF COURSE TESTS - 2013            |                   |   |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---|--|--|--|
| % of students scoring 70 or above on: | Our Middle School | Middle Schools with<br>Students Like Ours |  |  |  |
| Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2 | 100.0             | 93.0                                      |  |  |  |
| English 1                             | 100.0             | 88.5                                      |  |  |  |
| Physical Science                      | N/A               | N/A                                       |  |  |  |
| US History and the Constitution       | N/A               | N/A                                       |  |  |  |
| All Subjects                          | 100.0             | 93.3                                      |  |  |  |

#### **SC PERFORMANCE VISION**

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

# Calhoun Falls Charter School [SC Public Charter] **SCHOOL PROFILE**

|  | Our School | Change from Last Year | Middle Schools<br>with Students<br>Like Ours | Median<br>Middle<br>School |
|--|------------|-----------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Students (n=186)   |            |                       |  |                            |
| Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)               | 7.9%       | Down from 44.3%       | 16.8%  | 24.6%                      |
| Retention rate   | 0.0%       | Down from 2.7%        | 1.0%   | 0.6%                       |
| Attendance rate  | 95.8%      | Down from 96.4%       | 95.5%  | 95.9%                      |
| Served by gifted and talented program  | 0.0%       | N/A                   | 10.7%  | 18.5%                      |
| With disabilities  | 5.3%       | N/A                   | 15.0%  | 13.0%                      |
| Older than usual for grade   | 8.0%       | N/A                   | 6.6%   | 4.8%                       |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses | 0.5%       | Up from 0.0%          | 0.6%   | 0.6%                       |
| Annual dropout rate  | 0.0%       | No Change             | 0.0%   | 0.0%                       |
| Teachers (n=23)  |            |                       |  |                            |
| Teachers with advanced degrees   | 30.4%      | Up from 30.0%         | 60.8%  | 61.5%                      |
| Continuing contract teachers   | 65.2%      | Up from 60.0%         | 70.5%  | 77.2%                      |
| Teachers returning from previous year  | 88.7%      | Up from 81.3%         | 82.4%  | 85.9%                      |
| Teacher attendance rate  | 99.8%      | Down from 100.0%      | 94.7%  | 94.9%                      |
| Average teacher salary*  | \$36,050   | Up 6.6%               | \$45,360                                     | \$47,313                   |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers                              | 3.1%       | Up from 1.0%          | 1.8%   | 2.0%                       |
| Professional development days/teacher  | 8.7 days   | Up from 8.4 days      | 10.8 days                                    | 10.1 days                  |
| School   |            |                       |  |                            |
| Principal's years at school  | 5.0        | Up from 4.0           | 3.0  | 4.0                        |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects                                       | 17.1 to 1  | No Change             | 20.3 to 1                                    | 22.1 to 1                  |
| Prime instructional time   | 95.4%      | Down from 96.1%       | 89.3%  | 89.6%                      |
| Opportunities in the arts  | Fair       | No Change             | Good   | Good                       |
| SACS accreditation   | No         | No Change             | Yes  | Yes                        |
| Parents attending conferences  | 96.1%      | Down from 99.9%       | 99.3%  | 99.0%                      |
| Character development program  | Excellent  | Up from Good          | Good   | Good                       |
| Dollars spent per pupil**  | \$9,671    | Up 34.8%              | \$8,441                                      | \$7,239                    |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction**                                    | 62.0%      | Up from 50.1%         | 61.5%  | 63.0%                      |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**                               | 52.0%      | Up from 48.2%         | 56.5%  | 61.0%                      |
| ESEA composite index score   | 94.9       | Down from 97.6        | 63.7   | 83.5                       |

<sup>\*</sup> Length of contract = 185+ days.

# REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The students of Calhoun Falls Charter School continue the pursuit of excellence in academics, athletics, and citizenship. This year CFCS was named a Palmetto Gold School and the top middle school in the Lakelands area, earning a Federal Accountability Score of 97.6 (A). Dual enrollment courses continue to be offered on the campus of CFCS for math. English, and Teacher Cadet. Class offerings were expanded through the South Carolina Virtual School program. New English and math remediation and enrichment programs were implemented for both high school and middle school students. All instruction throughout the school was data-driven and research-based. A school-wide mentoring program was expanded to assist at-risk students in the areas of behavior, academics, and attendance. For the fourth consecutive year, a CFCS student was named the "South Carolina Public Charter School Student of the Year. Four athletic teams advanced to the first/second rounds of the state play-offs. Over 100 students logged 4,893 hours of volunteer service within the school, community, and surrounding areas through the school's service learning program. Student organizations such as the FFA, Beta Club, and Service Learning Club sponsored several successful food and clothes drives, while other groups/individuals participated in fundraising events for Relay for Life and March of Dimes. At CFCS, we are proud of our accomplishments and excited about the future. With the continued support of parents and community, we will continue to be a "School of Excellence."

Principal, Deirdre McCullough SIC Chairperson, Karen Ashley

#### **EVALUATION RESULTS**

|  | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--|----------|-----------|----------|
| Number of surveys returned                             | 15       | 29        | 11       |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment            | 100%     | 89.7%     | 100%     |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 100%     | 100%      | 81.8%    |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations           | 75%      | 100%      | 63.7%    |

<sup>\*</sup>Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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